AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Serial Number: 09/541845 Filing Date: April 3, 2000

Title: METHOD OF IMAGE TRANSFER TO A COLORED BASE

Page 2 Dkt: 1010.021US1

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for transferring an image to a colored <u>fibrous</u> substrate, comprising:

providing an image transfer sheet comprising an image transfer substrate; a release layer contacting the image transfer substrate and an image-imparting layer that comprises a polymer that includes indicia wherein one or more of the image-imparting layer and the release layer comprises one or more of titanium oxide or other white pigment or luminescent pigment;

contacting the image transfer sheet to the colored <u>fibrous</u> substrate; and applying heat to the image transfer sheet so that an image <u>including indicia from the image-imparting layer</u> is transferred from the image transfer sheet to the colored <u>fibrous</u> substrate <u>wherein the image</u> [that] comprises a substantially white background or luminescent background and indicia.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the colored <u>fibrous</u> substrate is a fabric.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the <u>colored fibrous</u> substrate is black.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the release layer is impregnated with one or more of titanium oxide or other white pigment or luminescent material.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the image imparting layer is impregnated with one or more of titanium oxide or other white pigment or luminescent material.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the polymer of the imageimparting layer encapsulates the titanium oxide or other white pigment and indicia and transfers

A

واي

the titanium oxide or other white pigment in a pattern that forms the [and] indicia [to] on the colored fibrous substrate.

- 7. (Currently Amended) An image transfer sheet, comprising:
  - a colored, fibrous substrate;
  - a release layer overlaying the substrate;
- a polymer layer wherein one or more of the release layer and the polymer layer comprise titanium oxide or other white pigment.
- 8. (Original) The image transfer sheet of claim 7 wherein the release layer is impregnated with titanium oxide or other white pigment.
- 9. (Original) The image transfer sheet of claim 7 wherein the polymer layer is comprised of titanium oxide or other white pigment.
- 10. (Original) The image transfer layer of claim 7 wherein the polymer layer comprises polypropylene.
- 11. (Original) The image transfer layer of claim 7 wherein the polymer layer comprises polyester or polyamide or a mixture of polyester and polyamide.
- 12. (Original) A kit comprising the image transfer sheet of claim 7 and a colored fabric.
- 13. (Original) The kit of claim 12 wherein the colored fabric is an article of clothing.
- 14. (Original) The kit of claim 13 wherein the article of clothing is a T-shirt.
- 15. (Original) The image transfer sheet of claim 7 wherein the polymer layer is a polyamide.

A